



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 8, 2008

H.R. 5531 **Next Generation Radiation Screening Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on June 26, 2008

SUMMARY

H.R. 5531 would authorize the appropriation of \$40 million for fiscal year 2009 and such sums as are necessary for each subsequent year for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office in the Department of Homeland Security to fund the Securing the Cities Initiative, a program to detect illicit nuclear and radiological material in urban areas. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost about \$180 million over the 2009-2013 period, subject to appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting H.R. 5531 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 5531 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5531 is shown in the following table. CBO assumes that the estimated authorization amounts will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar activities. We estimated the authorization levels for 2010 and subsequent years by adjusting the 2009 level for anticipated inflation. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	40	41	42	44	45	212
Estimated Outlays	20	33	42	43	44	182

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 5531 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State, local, and tribal governments would benefit from funds authorized by this bill for the Securing the Cities Initiative.

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